

STATUS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY THAT WAS PROPOSED FOR RESCISSION BY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS FOURTH SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986, MARCH 12, 1986, BUT FOR WHICH THE CONGRESS DID NOT PASS A RESCISSION BILL, PURSUANT TO 2 U.S.C. 685



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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, May 23, 1986.

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Hon. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, Jr.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter reports on the status of budget authority that was proposed for rescission by the President in his fourth special message for fiscal year 1986, March 12, 1986, but for which the Congress did not pass a rescission bill as defined in section 1011 of the Impoundment Control Act (the Act). All budget authority withheld pursuant to the rescission proposals submitted in the fourth message has been released by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for obligation.

In the fourth message, the President proposed rescinding budget authority from three Department of Energy accounts, as follows: \$38,489,000 from energy supply, research and development; \$9,816,000 from energy conservation; \$13,072,000 from fossil energy research and development.

Section 1012(b) of the Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless the Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous congressional session following the day such proposal is received by the Congress. For the rescission proposals submitted in the fourth message, the 45-day period ended on May 9, 1986, without the Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on May 9, 1986, all funds proposed for rescission were made available by OMB for obligation by the agencies to which they were appropriated.

Sincerely yours,

MILTON J. SOCOLAR
(For the Comptroller General of the United States).

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REVIEW OF RESCISSIONS

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A REVIEW OF THREE RESCISSIONS TRANSMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT ON APRIL 25, 1986 IN HIS SIXTH SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986, PURSUANT TO 2 U.S.C. 685



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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, May 28, 1986.

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Hon. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, Jr.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On April 25, 1986, the President's sixth special message for fiscal year 1986 was submitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The President proposed three rescissions, as follows, affecting budget authority made available to the Department of Defense for military procurement:

- R86-81 *Procurement of weapons and tracked combat vehicles,*
Army: \$34,400,000
- R86-82 *Shipbuilding and conversion,*
Navy: \$40,100,000
- R86-83 *Other procurement,*
Air Force: \$40,000,000

We have reviewed these rescission proposals. The enclosure provides all information we identified which we believe will be useful to the Congress in its examination of these proposals. The 45-day period of continuous session during which the funds may be withheld pending congressional consideration of a rescission bill will end on June 21, 1986.

Sincerely yours,

MILTON J. SOCOLAR

(For the Comptroller General of the United States).

Enclosure.

COMMENTS ON THE SIXTH SPECIAL MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—MILITARY

- R86-81 *Procurement of weapons and tracked combat vehicles,*
Army
Proposed for rescission: \$34,400,000
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According to an official of the Department of Defense (DOD), the legislative language of this rescission proposal refers, incorrectly, to Public Law 98-473. The funds proposed for rescission were appropriated in 1984 by Public Law 98-212, not by Public Law 98-473, DOD's fiscal year 1985 appropriations act. Accordingly, the proposed legislation should read as follows: "Of the funds made available under this head in Public Law 98-212, \$34,400,000 are rescinded."

- R86-82 *Shipbuilding and conversion, Navy*
Proposed for rescission: \$40,100,000
174/81611

DOD officials told us that the funds proposed for rescission were appropriated in 1984 by Public Law 98-212, not by Public Law 98-473. Accordingly, the proposed language of the rescission proposal should read as follows: "Of the funds made available under this head in Public Law 98-212, \$40,100,000 are rescinded."

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